

# RARC DIGEST

Dear RARC Community,

Please see below for our weekly round-up of addiction-related news and events across Rutgers. Have news or events you'd like us to highlight in an upcoming digest? Send the details to RARC Communication Specialist, Ricki Arvesen ([ricki.arvesen@rutgers.edu](mailto:ricki.arvesen@rutgers.edu)).

## RARC News

- **How We End the Addiction Epidemic (March 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. EDT, Virtual Event)** – Please join RARC Director, Dr. Danielle Dick, for this one-hour event as she introduces the center's initiatives to beat the addiction epidemic, save lives, strengthen families, and support communities. To register for the zoom event, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talk with Dr. Stephen Mahler (March 28, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. EDT)** - Please join us for Dr. Stephen Mahler's "Chalk Talk." Dr. Mahler is a recruitment candidate for a senior faculty position in the Rutgers Addiction Research Center domain of Basic Science and the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Neuroscience and Cell Biology. During his presentation, he will provide an overview of his program of research as well as his ideas for growing the Rutgers Addiction Research Center. All are welcome to attend this hybrid seminar. Lunch will be provided to those who register to attend in-person (Piscataway) by 3/24. For more information and registration, [click here](#).
- **RARC Faculty Candidate Chalk Talks** - We will be hosting four more hybrid recruitment candidate "Chalk Talks". More information is coming soon. Mark your calendars!
  - Dr. Anjali Rajadhyaksha: April 24, 2023 @12:00 p.m. EDT
  - Dr. Kristina Jackson: April 26, 2023 @12:00 p.m. EDT
  - Dr. Jill Rabinowitz: April 28, 2023 @12:00 p.m. EDT
  - Dr. A.J. Robison: May 4, 2023 @12:00 p.m. EDT
- **Exhibition booth at American Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Meeting (April 13-15, 2023)** - In an effort to raise awareness about the RARC among addiction medicine professionals, the RARC will be hosting a booth at this year's ASAM Conference. If you'll be attending ASAM, please let us know, we'd love to connect while we're there!

## Rutgers News

- **Rutgers Center of Alcohol and Substance Use Studies** announced that registration is now open for the **2023 Summer Symposium!** The symposium will be held at Rutgers Busch Campus Center on

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, and will address inequities and social determinants of addiction through creative and collaborative efforts in science practice, community engagement and advocacy. For more information, [click here](#).

- The recent expert commentary “Recommendation for Cannabis Use Disorder Diagnosis in a Context of Cannabis for Therapeutic Purposes” authored by RARC researchers, **Drs. Tammy Chung, Marc L. Steinberg, and Mary Bridgeman**, was published in *JAMA Psychiatry*. For full access to the commentary, [click here](#).
- RARC researchers in the **Rutgers New Jersey Medical School** had three studies recently published in *The American Journal of Emergency Medicine*:
  - [Trends in naloxone prescribed at emergency department discharge: A national analysis](#)
  - [Trends in amphetamine prescriptions given at discharge in emergency departments: A national analysis](#)
  - [The impact of an emergency department peer navigator \(EDPN\) program in improving clinical outcomes and healthcare utilization in an urban setting](#)

## Training Opportunities

- **Enhancing Diversity in Alcohol Research (EDAR) Training Program** – *Information provided from the desk of Dr. Denise Hien*: EDAR is a two-year, fully virtual, NIAAA-sponsored training program, open to psychology doctoral trainees from underrepresented backgrounds (per [NIH NOT-OD-20-031](#)). No prior alcohol research experience is required! More details about eligibility, program structure and content, and available mentors can be found on their [website](#). Please contact Dr. Julianne Flanagan (Director) at [hellmuth@musc.edu](mailto:hellmuth@musc.edu) with questions. **Applications are due July 3, 2023** and include a brief online survey, a 1-2 page statement of interest, and current CV. For more information, [click here](#).

## Funding Opportunities

- **The NJ Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science** announced their **2023-2024 Fellowship Program for Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Training Awards**. This program will enhance career development beyond that encountered in traditional pre- and postdoctoral programs by focusing on the knowledge and expertise needed to conduct translational team research across disciplines. Required online intention to apply to the program is due **March 22, 2023** and applications are due **April 14, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).
- **The Faculty Diversity Collaborative (FDC)** housed within the University Equity and Inclusion office announced their **2023 Mutual Mentoring Grant Program**. This program will offer funds to support faculty at any career stage, within and outside of Rutgers University, to combat isolation and ensure that all faculty have the resources they need to thrive and excel. Proposals due **March 30, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).

- The **Rutgers Brain Health Institute (BHI)** and the **Center for Advanced Human Brain Imaging Research (CAHBIR)** announced the availability of **Pilot Research grants** to fund RU-New Brunswick and RBHS faculty in initiating neuroimaging research at CAHBIR on Busch Campus, Piscataway. Applications are due **by April 1, 2023**. For more information, [click here](#).

## Events

- **NJ ACTS Webinar: Patterns in Geographic Distribution of Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities in the US and Accepted Forms of Payment from 2010 to 2021**  
**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 p.m. EDT**  
*NJ ACTS Special Populations Core 2023 Seminar Series* is hosting Dr. Jonathan Cantor, a full policy researcher at the RAND Corporation to assess whether the geographic availability of services was limited for older adults despite the increasing need for substance use disorder and opioid use disorder treatments in this population. For more information, [click here](#).
- **EASS Webinar: Emerging Evidence on Psychedelic-assisted Treatments for Substance Use Disorders**  
**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. EDT**  
*The Center of Alcohol & Substance Use Studies* is hosting Dr. Albert Garcia-Romeu, an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine to provide an examination of psychedelic therapies, current hypotheses surrounding biological and psychological mechanisms of action relevant to psychedelic treatments, and potential risks and contradictions. For more information, [click here](#).
- **GSAPP Webinar: Opioids Then and Now Webinar**  
**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. EDT**  
*Rutgers GSAPP* is hosting a workshop to examine the factors that contributed to the escalation of opioid use and highlight implications for treatment. Additionally, participants will examine the benefits and misconceptions of pharmacotherapy (Medication Assisted Treatment) as well as opioid diversion activities and efforts to combat them. For more information, [click here](#).

## Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs News

New in JSAD 84/1:

- [A Pilot Study of an Evidence-Based Prevention Intervention \(keepin' it REAL\) for Early Adolescents in Kenyan Schools](#)  
 Flavio F. Marsiglia, Stephen S. Kulis, Samuel Munyuwiny, Olalla Cutrín, Kyle Gresenz, Omondi Osir, Chao-Kai Huang
- [Attitudes Toward Cannabis Use Legalization and Openness to Legal Use Among Young Partygoers in Norway](#)  
 Jasmina Burdzovic Andreas, Anne Line Bretteville-Jensen, Linn Gjersing

Recently accepted in JSAD:

- [Beer Googles or Liquid Courage? Alcohol, Attractiveness Perceptions, and Partner Selection Among Males](#)  
Molly A. Bowdring, and Michael A. Sayette
- [How Policy Influences Aggression in Nightlife Spaces: A Proposed Core Aggression Cycle](#)  
Nicholas Taylor, Peter Miller, Renee Zahnow, Richelle Mayshak, Jason Ferris, and Kerri Coomber
- [Delta-8, Delta-10, HHC, THC-O, THCP, and THCV: What Should We Call These Products?](#)  
Matthew E. Rossheim, Cassidy R. LoParco, Doug Henry, Pamela J. Trangenstein, and Scott T. Walters

### **Addiction in the News**

- [Opioid Settlement Hinders Patients' Access to a Wide Array of Drugs](#) (*The New York Times*)
- [Zuckerberg Was Warned on Social Media Addiction, Filing Says](#) (*Bloomberg*)
- [Treating the Trauma That Underlies Addiction](#) (*USNews.com*)